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**Chris Sprowls**  
**Speaker**

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## **Florida House Speaker: Florida Students Receive Largest Expansion in School Choice in the Nation**

*Nation's largest school choice program gets major expansion to provide more students more options on where to attend school*

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** (April 21, 2021) — Florida's students are the beneficiaries of historic legislation that provides families with the largest expansion of school choice in the nation, according to House Speaker Chris Sprowls, R-Palm Harbor.

*"This bipartisan legislation provides the largest expansion of school choice programs in our nation's history, giving our parents and students more options than ever on where to get a quality K-12 education," said Speaker Sprowls. "Florida's families will have more choice and more flexibility in where they can send their children to school if sweeping legislation passed in the Florida House today becomes law. Thank you to Representative Randy Fine for sponsoring this legislation and to Representative Chris Latavla for your leadership in fighting for our students and parents."*

House Bill 7045, sponsored by Representative Randy Fine, R-Brevard County, today passed the Florida House by a vote of 79-36. It expands school choice to allow a family of four earning less than \$100,000 to receive full funding of K-12 education costs at a school of their choice under an expansion of the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program. It expands eligibility to children who are not enrolled in a public school, to children of parents serving in the military or those who are adopted and siblings of those already receiving school choice scholarships. "It's going to make more children eligible for school choice, it's going to provide them with more money for their school choice options and it is going to provide more flexibility in how they take advantage of those options," said Representative Fine, who also serves as House PreK-12 Appropriations Chair.

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House Education & Employment Committee Chair Chris Latvala, R-Clearwater, added, “Florida leads the way in school choice because we believe giving our parents power to make educational decisions for their children gives them the best opportunity for success.”

A similar bill, Senate Bill 48, sponsored by Senator Manny Diaz, R-Hialeah, is being considered in the Florida Senate.

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